

Studies and work at the College, however, are more than merely a parallel with life outside of the community. Teachers and students are active beyond the College boundary: the Faculty in lecturing, exhibiting work, giving musical and dramatic performances and doing research work; the students in participating in the performances. Such work is a part of modern life and at the same time organically a part of the College community.

Though a closely knit unit, Black Mountain College is far from being an exclusive group. It believes more in the breaking down of barriers than in erecting new ones. It believes that a pattern of living tried out in a small group has its application in a wider one. It believes that the unification of theory and practice which it seeks to establish is a safeguard against illusions as well as against narrow-mindedness. But such a unity will not be a safeguard only; it will show how one can take part in the shaping of days to come.

ORGANIZATION

When the College was incorporated in 1933, control of all its affairs was placed in the hands of the Faculty, who direct educational policy. The making of appointments and the administration of finances are delegated to a Board of Fellows, elected by the Faculty from its own membership for three and one years terms. A Rector who is chosen annually by the Faculty presides over the Board, which elects a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Students elect a student Moderator and three other officers for the regulation of their affairs. The Moderator is elected by the Faculty to the Board of Fellows. All Student Officers attend business meetings of the Faculty. The students are also represented on many College committees.

Meetings of the whole community are held when general discussion of the activities and problems of the College is felt to be necessary. Committees are appointed to deal with specific tasks, such as work planning, library, and admissions.

An Advisory Council is composed of friends of the College who are competent to offer expert advice on special aspects of its work.

The Board of Fellows, Officers of the College and the Advisory Council are listed in Annual Announcements.